

# REVIEWS YEAR OF GOOD BOOST WORK

## Annual Report of Secretary Fraser to Chamber of Commerce is Resume of Results Achieved

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Giving the achievements of the past year in detail, the annual report of Secretary Fraser of the Chamber rendered to the organization at the meeting Monday evening is an interesting document. In it are also contained some valuable suggestions. It is as follows:

To the president, directors and members of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce.

Dear Sirs:—Believing that the gentlemen comprising this organization know whether on the whole the office administration during 1913 has been satisfactory, I will submit a few facts and figures concerning the work done and something as to hopes for the future, if the present office man is retained.

Your secretary took office four months after the inception of the Prescott Chamber of Commerce, on March 9, 1911. At that date the membership of your organization stood at 147. During the first fiscal year, assisted very ably by the membership committee, he was able to raise the membership to just 300.

The number who died, defaulted in dues, or removed during the first year was 16, in 1912, 54; in 1913, to close our books we wiped off but 12 names. The collections made during the campaign of the past three weeks, largely due to the activity of Mr. Aaron H. Powers, have added roundly \$750. In the campaign mentioned, 27 new members were added to our roll.

A campaign of editorials and letters in the Journal-Miner assisted in the work. But one unfavorable comment on the work of this organization was received and this resulted in a shoal of letters from all parts of the county and from many unexpected sources, commending the successful efforts of this year's officers, directorate and members.

Early in the present year R. N. Fredericks and other members of a special finance committee, secured subscriptions for maintenance during this fiscal year, amounting to \$3,450; of this, \$314 is still due. About \$250 of this sum seems possible of collection before January 1, 1914. The balance is slow and perhaps doubtful.

In considering the balance, reported on hand by the treasurer, and the fact that it costs about \$350 a month running expenses, it will appear that this sum will barely place the chamber on a sound financial basis, until the next quarterly payment for maintenance becomes due.

Your attention is called to an extra item of expense, involved in the carrying out of the purposes of your new mining committee, which has met with great satisfaction throughout the county. The preliminaries toward securing a full list of properties and prospects to which capital may be attracted will involve an expense of about \$150, including newspaper advertising and other overhead costs. When this list is in hand and after it has been reduced to the smallest space possible for publication in its final form, it will be necessary to carry on an expensive campaign to insure its distribution to the best advantage.

These things should be noted by those who consider the present balance satisfactory.

There remains in the Pine Crest fund \$502.06. In the advertising fund a balance of \$41.20 is in hand, with the final payment still to be called for.

The purpose of this fund, collected by the finance committee of the last administration, was to secure publicity in Eastern magazines of the highest standing, for our mineral, agricultural and climatic resources and advantages. Advertisements in Colliers', Everybody's and the Saturday Evening Post were run, results checked and the last named medium found most productive of replies. The results were both tentative and tangible. Sojourners, and in some cases residents were secured through these means.

There are on hand about 13,000 pieces of literature of last year's imprint, about as follows:

7,000; health booklet, 1,000; mining booklet, 5,000.

We have distributed at exhibitions and through correspondence, including local newspapers at the rate of 53 a week, 15,000 pieces. This includes 5,000 copies of a special edition of the "Earth," the agricultural journal of the Santa Fe railroad, part of which was devoted to Yavapai county, but it does not comprehend 10,000 reprints of articles in local papers and other circular data enclosed in first-class covers.

We will need a third edition of the Health booklet soon and this office is now collecting photographs for inclusion therein. An edition of 25,000 is very desirable. This publication, which goes to doctors all over the world, has been useful in bringing to Prescott and Yavapai county sick persons of means, the kind who will help develop our resources.

Our principal need, in connection with the booklets now on hand, will be a list of prospects and properties which will be sent to inquirers whose attention is brought to Yavapai mines by the publication of advertisements as explained in the notices now being run locally by the mining committee. This list will be enlarged from time to time and should, if possible, be published periodically. Mr. Powers has put up a plan to your directorate, whereby such list, revised monthly, can be published, together with other interesting data regarding Yavapai county. His proposal was favored by your out-going board and recommended for the approval of the new directorate.

Three new bungalows were constructed in Pine Crest during this fiscal year. The amount expended is, roughly, \$16,000. Two more will be built early in the spring. Deposits of \$50 were offered by several intending builders, but it was considered inadvisable to accept these because this organization would not feel justified in holding the deposits if the requirements were not fulfilled. All the houses in this addition have been tenanted by owners or renters nearly throughout the year.

The institution of Frontier day was recommended by a special committee, of which F. L. Haworth was chairman. Its success has demonstrated the value of making it an annual festival for the inhabitants of the heated sections of Arizona. Mr. Wolpe, whom I met in Phoenix, last Saturday, has subscribed \$100 toward this year's Frontier day fund and says that he will use his best offices to promote its success. The treatment of the visitors during this fiesta was, without exception, fair and hospitable, and it is beyond question that a very large crowd will attend the celebration in 1914.

This brings up the consideration of further summer accommodations in Prescott.

The large number of visitors in Flagstaff during the past summer must largely be accounted for by the lack of housing and hotel accommodations here. Frontier day would have left us many families who were willing to prolong their stay had proper accommodations been available. Extended effort to procure summer visitors should be accompanied by a commensurate effort properly to house and otherwise care for them. The large outflow of Arizonans to California resorts is due to the reasonable and comfortable quarters procurable there, which in many cases more than compensate for the difference in transportation charges.

Comment on the Northern Arizona fair is not in place here.

We must begin work on the Frontier day program and arrangements very early in the year and the preliminaries for the second annual Northern Arizona fair can be conducted as the other work proceeds.

May your secretary venture, as a very safe prediction, the prophecy that 1914 will be the most successful year, not only in the history of this thriving organization, but in the prosperity of the citizenship of Yavapai? The fulfillment of this prophecy cannot come without our utmost and most unselfish co-operation. If you will furnish the means, I shall be more than glad to furnish whatever ability and vitality I may possess.

The thanks of the Chamber of Commerce are again due to the Bank of Arizona for free use of our present offices. We have outgrown these quarters and we feel that the value of our work and our own health will be greatly increased if we can find a larger room in a prominent location on the ground floor. Such an improvement will take time to achieve, but this should be one of the problems to be solved by our new officers. We find that people seldom visit basement quarters unless their business is urgent and your secretary has met persons in all parts of Arizona whose recent stay in Prescott he was unaware of. A window full of exhibit matter would draw all the transients to our office and the added comfort of ground floor quarters would greatly increase office efficiency.

It will be impossible for your secretary to thank you in person for the many kindness and indulgences received at your hands, he now takes this opportunity to do so.

Yours respectfully,  
MALCOLM A. FRASER,  
Secretary.

### THEY WILL COME TO VIEW WORK DONE.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

James E. Watson, president of the Arizona Land and Irrigation Company, telegraphed yesterday from Indianapolis, Ind., that he and a party of stockholders would arrive in Prescott not later than the first week in January on a trip of inspection of their holdings, and to look over the project as far as completed.

Incidental to their coming, it was stated that before that date, the pouring of concrete at the dam would again be under headway, as well would other work be nearing completion. The coming of favorable weather again has brought out the full force of workmen in every department, after a temporary suspension owing to the heavy storms of last week.

The big tower that is to be used in future dam building is going up at a rapid rate, and when ready for its uses will have a height of 180 feet, above the level of the creek bed and of 10x12 feet, built of wood. It is to be supplied with concrete in the same manner as a hoist applies to mine work and to furnish the necessary power, a big engine was being placed in position yesterday.

On Tuesday afternoon excavating for the spillway from Granite to Willow creeks was started. It is located on the divide of the two streams. Tunnel driving goes ahead without interruption and yesterday the contractors had finished 300 feet of the 800 feet required. The long tunnel will be cemented from end to end, and will have dimensions of six feet by eight feet in the clear. This disposition will be necessary as the formation is a soft and no rock work as yet has appeared.

The cutting of timber at the water storage zone was begun yesterday, and will be prosecuted vigorously that no delays in that line will ensue. Chief Engineer Cookinham and assistants were engaged yesterday in placing centers for the concrete arch at the tunnel site, and in other sections they will be busily occupied for weeks to come. A resumption of dam building will take place within the next two weeks and according to the statements made yesterday by Engineer Fessenden, if favorable weather prevails, the work will go ahead with a rush that the range of danger may be passed before any flood waters overtake them. The pay-roll continues at 100, to be increased to 150 when the work outlined begins.

### SAW HIM COVER UP GRAVE, SQUAW SAYS.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

After a day and a half of examination of venemen, the jury to try Juan Fernandez upon the charge of murder was chosen and the first witness for the prosecution put upon the stand shortly before noon yesterday. When the trial finally settled down to the taking of testimony, counsel for both sides made last time. Six witnesses in all were examined before adjournment at 5 o'clock.

Some startling testimony was offered by a squaw known as Mary Woolsey. Avowing that she was a spectator when Fernandez is alleged to have covered up his victim's grave with several heavy rocks the squaw created a sensation. The squaw is a new witness and no testimony of any such nature was produced at the preliminary hearing Lane. The testimony was offered before Justice of the Peace Mc-

ness became at times frustrated, especially when asked whether she knew what the truth meant.

According to the chain of circumstantial evidence being woven about Fernandez by the prosecution, the accused, after a quarrel with the victim, Jesus Esparcia, waylaid and murdered him near Fort Whipple. Then, dragging the body from the roadside, he secured a shovel, dug a shallow grave and buried the corpse where it was found in the morning. Fernandez's camp is situated but a quarter of a mile from the grave and tracks answering the fit of his shoes led to and from the grave in the sands of Granite creek.

The murder occurred near the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. O. Oliver. Both, together with Miss Grace Oliver, their daughter, told of the mysterious noises of the night, the sound of crashing branches and the discovery of the body the next morning. Jacob Bloomberg, a merchant, and William Griffith, a mechanic, related incidents prior to the murder. Sheriff Charles C. Kessler and Deputy Sheriff Blake Baker told of the later discoveries when the inquest was held.

Just what surprised the defense holds in store is not known as yet. Some interesting testimony is forthcoming from Dolores Rodriguez, who resided at Fernandez's camp. The accused told a straightforward story when arrested, in which he explained the presence of blood upon his shirt and trousers. The woman would neither confirm nor deny this story. Her terror at that time has apparently disappeared and she will offer evidence willingly when called to the stand, it is believed.

Maria Gonzales, the waitress friend of the murdered man, has vanished. She was the star witness for the prosecution and her disappearance has not only caused a great deal of concern to the prosecuting officials, but has created a great deal of conjecture.

Thus far no motive has been adduced for Fernandez murdering Esparcia. It is known, however, that there was a third man connected with a quarrel in which the three engaged earlier in the day. It is also known that Maria Gonzales was having trouble with Esparcia, her friend, and was casting eyes in the direction of the third and unknown man.

It is not likely that the case will be finished by tonight. There are still a large number of witnesses to be examined. For tomorrow two important trials are slated.

The members of the jury are W. A. Allen, Charles Barber, William Godard, Charles L. Miller, A. W. Bromley, W. O. Wedel, David Murdock, Ed Boblett, James Carter, James Ralston, Walter Pierce and Marion Rodgers.

### ROAD BOOSTERS TO MEET AT ATLANTA.

(From Friday's Daily.)

T. G. Norris, president of the Arizona Good Roads' Association, is in receipt of a letter from J. E. Pennybacker, secretary of the American Highway Association which will prove of interest to those identified with the movement of national good roads.

With the indorsement of the American Automobile Association the national body has decided to hold the next congress at Atlanta, Ga., during the period of one week, beginning either on October 19 or November 16, 1914.

The third American road congress, held at Detroit during the first week of October last, the latter states, was participated in by twenty-eight organizations, had an attendance of nearly 3,500 delegates, and an exhibit occupying 32,000 square feet of floor space, representing 102 manufacturers.

Mr. Norris stated yesterday that the coming congress, so far as Arizona is to be considered, will have a full quota of delegates in attendance, and it was believed material matters affecting the transcontinental road building program through the State will receive noteworthy consideration. From a local standpoint, Mr. Norris said yesterday that important matters are to be taken up for action in the near future, and that the good roads' movement continued to grow in favor and when the time arrived for an emphatic expression in a bond issue, the movement would be wholesomely supported.

### WONDER HOW THEY MISSED PRESCOTT.

By Associated Press.

BOSTON, Dec. 11.—A trail of forged checks, extending across the continent from Oakland, it is said by police, led to the arrest of Thomas Corcoran, at Rialto, Cal., and Miss Daphne Holmes, at Oakland. According to the police the couple are responsible for bogus checks cashed in Bakersfield, Oakland and Eastern cities.

### REPORT LACKING IN IMPORTANT PARTICULARS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 11.

Secretary Garrison's first annual report to the president, as head of the war department, makes no recommendations for the generally expected rearrangement of army posts to distribute troops in mobile units. The secretary says that other things of immediate importance, "particularly an adequate supply of field artillery" will postpone his recommendations to congress, but in the meantime the troops will be garrisoned in as practical a manner for mobilization as is possible. Mr. Garrison discussed the militia at some length. He says in part:

"The national importance of a reserve system for the organized militia cannot be questioned. The minimum strength at which militia organizations are maintained in time of peace will render necessary a great and immediate increase in a national emergency and this fact demands the presence of a system of reserves from which trained men may be secured for this increase. Without some such system, not only will such increase be rendered exceedingly difficult, but even when accomplished the efficiency of the organizations will have been reduced to a minimum by the introduction of an untrained element double in number the trained personnel."

"Proper organization as required by the law is absolutely necessary if the organized militia is to be counted on as a dependable military federal asset in time of national need and the organizations existing as such in name only will be required to complete their component elements or lose federal recognition of their character as such organizations."

"While there has been a small decrease in officers and enlisted men in the organized militia during the past year, this decrease has occurred in great part as the result of the elimination of organizations found hopelessly inefficient and is compensated for by an increase in general efficiency. It is regretted that in target practice the reports show but slight progress during the year. This fact is the more serious as rifle practice is recognized as one of the most vital elements in the training of the infantry soldier. The present tendency to develop rifle teams, composed mostly of commissioned officers, at the expense of target practice for the enlisted man is opposed to the federal policy in this matter and should be discontinued."

### FERNANDEZ OWNED THE DEADLY KNIFE

(From Friday's Daily.)

More damaging evidence was yesterday introduced in the Superior Court against Juan Fernandez, charged with the murder of Jesus Esparcia. The confessed ownership of the knife found in the murdered man's hand when the shallow grave was uncovered, coupled with testimony of Dolores Rodriguez that she had seen the knife in Fernandez's camp and the testimony of Mrs. Bishop that she had sold the same knife to Fernandez were all interwoven in a chain of evidence about the accused Mexican.

The awful murder of three months ago was again vividly recalled by the testimony of several officials and those directly interested in the case. The chain of evidence related to the discovery of the badly mutilated body in the shallow grave near Fort Whipple, the suspicious actions of Fernandez at his camp a quarter of a mile away, the quarrel between the murdered man, accused and a missing man earlier in the day of the murder and the subsequent work by the officials.

Fernandez gazed at the proceedings about him acutely aware of what was going on. Unable to understand a word of English, yet he follows every grain of evidence keenly and finds interpretation in the facial signs of the witness. When the interpreter is examining a Mexican witness he shows exceptional calmness and no testimony, however damaging, makes him show concern. The ordinary spectator would never pick Fernandez as a man upon trial for his life.

His dark, penetrating eyes glittered just once, when Dolores Rodriguez, one of the State's most important witnesses, testified to his absence during the night from the camp and also his ownership of the knife in the murdered man's hand. But he made no move or outcry like at the preliminary hearing when she became terrorized beyond control.

A situation, decidedly humorous and yet critical, from the law's viewpoint was created by this witness' terror of mind when she was first called to testify at about 11:30 o'clock. Wrapping her dark shawl

about her mouth she steadily neglected to heed the questions of Assistant County Attorney Morgan through the interpreter. Her eyes were fastened upon the floor directly in front of her. The court became impatient, the audience amused and the attorneys disgusted. Finally she decided to talk. In a barely audible voice she answered questions in the "Yes" and "No" language. She said that she was born in San Geronimo, Chihuahua; didn't know her age; didn't read Spanish; didn't know what officer of State Judge Smith was; didn't know what a court was; didn't go to church last Sunday and didn't know the difference between the truth and a lie.

At the noon hour all hands went up and adjournment was called to decide whether the witness was insane, terror-stricken or ill. At 2 o'clock she was recalled to the stand and commenced the same tactics. Counsel for the defense, J. Ralph Tascher, moved that the witness be excused as incompetent to testify. Judge Smith, however, decided that the law didn't permit such a course. Another attempt to question proved somewhat successful. The assistant county attorney grasped the grain of hope as a drowning man does to a straw. Little by little—the witness regained her composure and answered questions put to her.

She told of Fernandez's absence from the camp during the night of the murder. She identified the deer-handled knife found in the murdered man's hand as the one used by Fernandez at the camp in his cobble profession.

On cross-examination, Mr. Tascher made the witness admit that she was telling the untruth in several instances. He also brought out facts to show that the woman had lived with Jose Reinos, the father of three boys and that they had not been married. Reinos is now in the penitentiary. She admitted also that after the end of her residence with Fernandez she went to live with a man named Ventura and that she had never been married. While the evidence she offered is highly incriminating, the character of the witness offset the strength of the testimony.

Mrs. Bishop, wife of the proprietor of a local second-hand store, testified to selling the knife found in the murdered man's hand. Under Sheriff Charles Raible and Deputy Sheriff Blake Baker told of the arrest of Fernandez, the tracks leading to and from the camp to the grave and of the other connections between the accused man and the tragedy. Undertaker Lester Ruffner and his assistant, W. E. Drake, also testified. Kelly Wilson, an Indian, told of the fight earlier in the day.

Argument over the proposed introduction of the deposition of Maria Gonzales taken at the preliminary hearing, ended the day's session. This important witness for the State has fled Arizona. She was conceded one of the star witnesses, having witnessed a fight between Fernandez, the murdered man, and a third party and being intimately acquainted with the murdered man. She is believed to know a great deal more about the murder than she made public at the time of the hearing. Judge Smith has taken under advisement the matter of introducing the deposition.

Just how much longer the trial will continue now depends upon the defense. The prosecution has practically finished with its witnesses.

### COUNTRY IS NOT UP ON A WAR FOOTING

(From Friday's Daily.)

Lack of military preparation is ably described by Lieutenant R. D. LeGarde of the United States army, who is stationed at Phoenix. The officer has sent a set of resolutions, summarizing this deplorable state of affairs to R. N. Fredericks, president of the Prescott National bank and a prominent member of the Chamber of Commerce.

In it he shows that in 1898, the country had twenty-five fully equipped regiments upon a war footing. Today there are but 17. The lieutenant believes that a rejuvenation is soon to come and he suggests in a communication to Malcolm A. Fraser, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, that the local boosters become active again with their pet boosting scheme to rehabilitate Fort Whipple.

When the war department finally starts its rebuilding process, points out the lieutenant, desirable posts for establishing the troops will be sought. In this connection, Fort Whipple should rank as one of the first water.

The communication was submitted to the members of the Chamber of Commerce in session last night. Mr. Fredericks, who had just returned from a business trip, declared that he had not seen the resolutions as yet, but presumed

that they were awaiting attention upon his desk. The matter was referred to the military committee for further action.

Humorously inclined, former Mayor Morris Goldwater suggested that President Wilson be telegraphed to in an effort to hold up a declaration of war with Mexico until the chamber had passed upon this important matter.

**No President Chosen.**  
At the annual election held Tuesday night, a mistake in recording the list of new directors was made. This necessitates casting off a draw between Dr. Looney and E. H. Meek for the last place in the board. For that reason no election of officers of the chamber was held last night.

The incomplete board will meet at 7 o'clock Thursday night, December 18, organize as a full board and proceed to the election of officers and at 8 o'clock, on the same date, the first regular meeting of the new fiscal year will be convened.

A communication was received asking the co-operation of the local organization in the passage of an important bill in congress. Recently, representatives from Colorado introduced a bill setting aside to each of the Rocky Mountain States 250,000 acres of government land. The proceeds from the sale of these holdings were to go toward the building and maintenance of new highways. It was suggested that the local chamber bring influence to bear upon Arizona's representatives in congress for the passage of the bill.

### Tucson Meeting.

There will be a session of business men at Tucson next week, which assessors from throughout the State will attend. The assessors, charge the Tucson business men, last year assessed merchandise upon an unfair basis. This year's meeting is for the purpose of giving audible expression to this grievance and incidentally arrive at a mutual understanding. A committee of three, comprised by E. A. Castner, Morris Goldwater and J. A. Hope, was appointed to discuss the advisability of sending a special representative from the merchants of this city.

R. N. Fredericks, chairman of the membership committee, reported the addition of Neil Bailey of the United Verde and Pacific Railroad Company and Paul H. Deming to the membership of the organization.

Reporting for the entertainment committee, Secretary Fraser said that the recent annual banquet had some out ahead financially by \$6.

Owing to the absence of President W. A. Drake, Vice-President LeRoy Anderson occupied the chair. Twenty-six members were present.

## IS CHARGED WITH BURGLARY

(From Friday's Daily.)

Charged with burglary, Candido Lucero is today confined in the county jail awaiting a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace McLane. Lucero, together with a companion, was arrested upon the complaint of George Crose who lives two miles out of the city.

Crose complained that his house had been broken into and a shotgun and other articles taken. He suspected the two men arrested, but the one released entirely cleared himself to the satisfaction of the officials.

### VIVISECTION IS ROUNDLY DENOUNCED.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11.—

Vivisection of animals as a method of research was denounced as wrong and misleading by Dr. Richard Cowen of the Royal College of Surgeons of London in an address before the International Anti-Vivisection Animal Protection Congress. "Mutilation and torture lead many earnest men along the wrong road of research. It is a terrible mistake to think the diseases of animals and men the same," he declared.

### AFTER MANY YEARS.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Carter Wilkins of Fresno, Cal., is a recent arrival in the city, and is making an investigation of land conditions, leaving today for the south. He may return later, and states he is quite favorably impressed after a stop-over of three days. Wilkins over a quarter of a century ago was a resident of this city for a brief time and filled a clerkship in the last session of the legislature held here. He was a cousin of Carrie Wilkins Kennedy, now deceased.